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SUBJECT: STATEMENT FOR CREDENTIALS CEREMONY

1. AMBASSADOR GOHEEN HAS APPROVED THE FOLLOWING  
STATEMENT FOR USE AT THE PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS  
CEREMONY.

2. BEGIN TEXT: MR. PRESIDENT, I HAVE THE HIGH HONOR  
TO PRESENT MY CREDENTIALS AS AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA TO INDIA.

3. I BRING WARMEST GREETINGS FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE  
AND PRESIDENT CARTER TO YOU AND THE INDIAN PEOPLE.  
THIS DAY HAS A VERY PERSONAL MEANING FOR ME BECAUSE  
MY BOYHOOD WAS SPENT IN YOUR COUNTRY IN THE DAYS OF  
ACTIVE STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION--  
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4. OUR COMMON IDEALS AND DEDICATION TO WORLD PEACE  
PROVIDE A STURDY FOUNDATION TO OUR RELATIONSHIP.  
FOREMOST AMONG THESE SHARED IDEALS ARE A COMMITMENT  
TO FREEDOM AND THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS, TO THE ACHIEVEMENT  
OF SOCIAL JUSTICE, CIVIL LIBERTIES, AND RESPECT FOR THE  
RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL. TO PRESERVE AND  
STRENGTHEN THESE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS, WE FULLY AGREE

WITH PRIME MINISTER DESAI THAT BOTH NATIONAL SELF-RELIANCE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND SHARING ARE ESSENTIAL.

5. OUR COMMON GOAL REMAINS THE SEARCH FOR A PEACEFUL WORLD, A WORLD OF JUSTICE AND STABILITY. SUCH A WORLD WOULD BE A COMMUNITY OF NATIONS IN WHICH THE DISPARITY BETWEEN RICH AND POOR COUNTRIES IS LESSENER, AND THE DANGER OF WAR IS CONTAINED AND ARSENALS OF DESTRUCTIVE WEAPONRY REDUCED. IT WOULD BE A WORLD OF NATIONS WHO VALUE THEIR INDEPENDENCE BUT AT THE SAME TIME ACCEPT THEIR INTERDEPENDENCE IN NURTURING THE ASPIRATIONS AND WELL-BEING OF THEIR PEOPLES.

6. THE FOCUS OF WORLD ATTENTION IS SHIFTING FROM OLD POLITICAL RIVALRIES TO TRANS-NATIONAL PROBLEMS SUCH AS ENERGY, OCEANS AND FOOD. IT IS WIDELY RECOGNIZED THAT INDIA WILL PLAY AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN COMING TO GRIPS WITH THESE PROBLEMS. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH INDIA TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE, TO MAKE IT MORE PRODUCTIVE AND SATISFYING, NOT ONLY FOR AMERICANS AND INDIANS BUT FOR ALL PEOPLES. RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL PROGRESS AS WE PURSUE THESE OBJECTIVES.

7. TWO COUNTRIES AS LARGE AND DIVERSE AS INDIA AND THE UNITED STATES, SO DIFFERENTLY PLACED GEOGRAPHICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY, AND ENJOYING SUCH DIFFERENT CULTURAL TRADITIONS, WILL NOT SEE EYE-TO-EYE ON EVERY ISSUE. BUT WE CAN APPROACH PROBLEMS FROM A BACKGROUND OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMON VALUES AND ASPIRATIONS, FROM A SHARED COMMITMENT TO A PEACEFUL AND FREE WORLD. WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE FURTHER INDO-AMERICAN RELATIONS. IN RECENT YEARS WE HAVE MADE PROGRESS BILATERALLY TOWARD CLOSER COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, EDUCATION AND CULTURE, AND COMMERCE AND ECONOMICS. OUR JOINT COMMISSION IS ENCOURAGING ENHANCED, MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ACTIVITIES IN THESE AREAS. OUR NEW GOVERNMENTS CAN FURTHER DEFINE OUR HOPES AND OBJECTIVES AND STRENGTHEN THE QUALITIES OF MUTUAL TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL TO AN INDO-AMERICAN RELATIONSHIP OF CORDIAL COOPERATION OVER THE LONGER TERM.

8. MR. PRESIDENT, I HAVE STRESSED OUR FRIENDSHIP AND OUR COMMON VALUES. ON A PERSONAL LEVEL, IT IS A TIME OF RENEWAL AS I UNDERTAKE, WITH GREAT AWARENESS OF THE RESPONSIBILITY, THE DUTIES OF REPRESENTING MY GOVERNMENT IN THE LAND OF MY BIRTH. I AM DEEPLY HONORED TO ACCEPT THIS ASSIGNMENT AT A TIME WHEN BOTH OUR COUNTRIES

HAVE REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE DEMOCRATIC  
PROCESS. THIS STRENGTHENS MY CONFIDENCE THAT THE  
FUTURE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO GREAT COUNTRIES  
IS BRIGHT. END TEXT.

9. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES RECEIVING THE EMBASSY DRAFT  
FROM WHICH MUCH OF THE ABOVE LANGUAGE WAS DRAWN. CHRISTOPHER

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